

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (New): A packing member for packing an ink cartridge that has a coat of adhesive on one surface, comprising:

a first portion;

a second portion; and

a cutting portion between the first portion and the second portion, wherein

the first portion and the second portion can be readily torn apart at the cutting portion,

wherein

the ink cartridge is packed by adhering a surface of the packing member on the ink cartridge and unpacked by tearing off the first portion by pulling the first portion in a specific direction.

Claim 29 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, further comprising:

a release coated paper that is adhered on the surface of the packing member, wherein

when packing the ink cartridge, the release coated paper is partially peeled so that the surface of the packing member can be stuck to the ink cartridge.

Claim 30 (New): The packing member according to claim 29, wherein the release coated paper that is adhered on a surface of the first portion is partially peeled.

Claim 31 (New): The packing member according to claim 29, wherein the release coated paper includes a plurality of portions that are separated by cutting lines that overlap with the cutting portion.

Claim 32 (New): The packing member according to claim 29, wherein adhesive is partially exposed on a surface of the first portion.

Claim 33 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, further comprising:  
a hanging portion that has a hole for hanging from a rail the ink cartridge that is packed with the packing member.

Claim 34 (New): The packing member according to claim 33, further comprising:  
a release coated paper that is adhered on the surface of the packing member, wherein  
when packing the ink cartridge the release coated paper is partially peeled so that a portion of which is partially left in the hanging portion.

Claim 35 (New): The packing member according to claim 34, wherein the hanging portion is formed by the release coated paper that is partially left in the hanging portion and is sandwiched by two sheets.

Claim 36 (New): The packing member according to claim 35, wherein an end side of the release coated paper that is partially left in the hanging portion serves as an assisting line to form the hanging portion.

Claim 37 (New): The packing member according to claim 35, wherein the release coated paper that is partially left in the hanging portion has an identical shape as the two sheets.

Claim 38 (New): The packing member according to claim 33, wherein the ink cartridge packed with the packing member is unpacked from the hanging portion.

Claim 39 (New): The packing member according to claim 33, wherein just below the hanging portion adhesive is exposed widely.

Claim 40 (New): The packing member according to claim 33, wherein the cutting portion and an end side of the hanging portion are on an identical line.

Claim 41 (New): The packing member according to claim 33, further comprising: cuttings that are arranged on extension lines of both end sides of the hanging portion.

Claim 42 (New): The packing member according to claim 41, wherein the cuttings and the cutting portion are linked.

Claim 43 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, further comprising: a release coated paper that is adhered on the surface of the packing member, wherein when packing the ink cartridge, the release coated paper is partially peeled across the cutting portion along a cutting line so that the surface of the packing member can be stuck to the ink cartridge.

Claim 44 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first portion seals an ink supplying portion of the ink cartridge.

Claim 45 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the second portion is adhered on a joint of an exterior case of the ink cartridge after unpacking the ink cartridge.

Claim 46 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the second portion is adhered on a separate part that is set in the ink cartridge to cover an ink supplying portion after unpacking the ink cartridge.

Claim 47 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the packing member is constituted as a sheet of adhesive label.

Claim 48 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the packing member is formed by punching in one step.

Claim 49 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, further comprising:  
a release coated paper that includes a plurality of portions that are separated by cutting lines, wherein the cutting lines are formed by die cutting in one step.

Claim 50 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first portion is formed in a substantially Y shape.

Claim 51 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein information required before unpacking the ink cartridge is indicated on the first portion.

Claim 52 (New): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein information required after unpacking the ink cartridge is indicated on the second portion.

Claim 53 (New): A combination of an ink cartridge and a packing member for packing the ink cartridge, wherein the packing member includes

- a first portion;
- a second portion; and
- a cutting portion between the first portion and the second portion, wherein the first portion and the second portion can be readily torn apart at the cutting portion,

wherein

the ink cartridge is packed by adhering a surface of the packing member on the ink cartridge and unpacked by tearing off the first portion by pulling the first portion in a specific direction.

Claim 54 (New): A method for packing an ink cartridge with a packing member that has a coat of adhesive on one surface, and unpacking the ink cartridge that is packed with the packing member, comprising:

- adhering the one surface of the packing member on the ink cartridge to pack the ink cartridge; and
- tearing off a portion of the packing member by pulling the portion in a specific direction to unpack the ink cartridge.